

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

*100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611*



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 16, 2009**

**10:00 AM**

**Board Room**

## **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Chairman of Finance  
Gloria Alitto Majewski, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan, Vice-President Kathleen  
Therese Meany, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore,  
President Terrence J. O'Brien*

### ***THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:***

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

## Call Meeting to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Kathleen Therese Meany; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; and Terrence J. O'Brien

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Patricia Horton, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:00 p.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Authorization

- 1    [09-0541](#)      Request Authority to Dispose of District Records

Approved

## Purchasing Committee

### Report

- 2    [09-0527](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 09-694-11, Truck Hauling of Direct Haul Centrifuge Cake from the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Biosolids from LASMA to Various Locations, estimated cost \$350,000.00

Published and Filed

- 3    [09-0534](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Published and Filed

- 4    [09-0535](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Published and Filed

- 5      [09-0551](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 09-820-11, Services to Upgrade the Waste Gas Flare System at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$325,000.00

**Published and Filed**

- 6      [09-0553](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 09-691-11, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$1,715,000.00

**Published and Filed**

- 7      [09-0571](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 09-820-11, Services to Upgrade the Waste Gas Flare System at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$325,000.00

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 8      [09-0574](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 07-028-3S, Harms Road 2 Rehabilitation, NSA, estimated cost \$7,800,000.00

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 9      [09-0540](#)      Authorization to amend Board Order of March 5, 2009, regarding Authority to advertise Contract 09-905-11 Furnish and Deliver One Diesel-Powered Water Jetter with Trailer to the Stickney Service Area, Agenda Item No. 14, File No. 09-0334

**Approved**

- 10     [09-0564](#)      Authorization to amend Board Order of February 5, 2009, as amended on March 19, 2009, for Authority to advertise Contract 09-924-11 Furnish, Deliver and Install Rotary Air Compressors at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$357,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1261148, Agenda Item No. 9, File No. 09-0402. (Deferred at the Board Meeting of April 2, 2009)

**Approved**

- 11     [09-0566](#)      Authorization to amend Board Order of January 8, 2009, regarding Authority to award Contract 09-837-11, Maintaining BOD and Ammonia Analyzer Systems at the Calumet and Lemont Water Reclamation Plants, Group A and B to Endress & Hauser, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,440.00, and Groups C & D to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$87,060.00, Account 101-69000-612680, Requisition 123596, Agenda Item No. 26, File No. 08-2636

**Approved**

- 12      [09-0579](#)      Authorization to forfeit Contract 09-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Tubing and Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group B, to CCP Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of The Tranzonic Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$41,914.92. Accounts 101-20000-623110, 623170, 623570

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 13      [09-0539](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-760-11 Fence Repairs at Various Locations in the North Service Area, estimated cost \$40,000.00, Account 101-67000-612420, Requisition 1271983

**Approved**

- 14      [09-0542](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-928-11 Lighting Improvements at the West Side Grit Building, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1279978

**Approved**

- 15      [09-0543](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-676-11 Pest and Rodent Control in the North Service Area, estimated cost \$41,400.00, Account 101-67000-612420, Requisitions 1272644, 1272647, 1272648 and 1272649

**Approved**

- 16      [09-0544](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-688-11 Pipe Insulation at Various Service Areas, estimated cost \$86,000.00, Account 101-67000/68000/69000-612680/612650, Requisitions 1258238, 1261146, 1269372, 1271976, and 1271989

**Approved**

- 17      [09-0548](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-026-11 Furnish and Deliver PVC Pipe, Fittings and Valves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-20000-623090

**Approved**

- 18      [09-0567](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-834-11 Furnish, Deliver, Install and Maintain an Automatic Ammonia Analyzer at the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$29,250.00, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1249372

**Approved**

- 19      [09-0573](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-004-11 Furnish and Deliver Structural and Stainless Steel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$273,000.00, Account 101-20000-623030

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 20      [09-0526](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 09-674-11, Furnish and Deliver Snow Pushers to LASMA and CALSMA, to Burris Equipment Company, in an amount not to exceed \$38,550.00, Account 101-66000-634760, Requisitions 1258131 and 1257471  
**Approved**
- 21      [09-0530](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 09-640-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite to Various Locations in the North Service Area, to PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$156,400.00, Account 101-67000-623560, Requisitions 1265265, 1265266, and 1265267  
**Approved**
- 22      [09-0550](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 09-632-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hypochlorite to Various Service Areas, Groups A, B, and C, to K. A. Steel Chemicals, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,875,300.00, Account 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623560, Requisitions 1261205, 1258899, 1264062, 1263222, 1262567, and 1263223  
**Approved**
- 23      [09-0569](#)      Issue a purchase order to the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Energy Resources Center (ERC), under the University of Illinois Master Agreement, to develop and review a request for proposal for a combined heat and power facility (CHP) at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant (WRP), in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, Account 101-67000-601170, Requisition 1273237  
**Approved**
- 24      [09-0578](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 09-610-11, Furnish and Deliver Trucks to Various Locations, Groups A and E to Chicago International Trucks, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$209,000.00, Groups B, D, and F to Patson, Inc., d/b/a Transchicago Truck Group, in an amount not to exceed \$170,118.00, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-634860, Requisitions 1260440, 1258913, 1258917, and 1258916  
**Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 25      [09-0531](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-915-11, Repair Services for SCADA Systems at Various Locations in the Stickney Service Area, to Allan Integrated Control Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1261852  
**Approved**

- 26      [09-0532](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-763-11, Pavement Maintenance at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Sumit Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 101-67000-612420, Requisition 1261161  
**Approved**
- 27      [09-0533](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-868-11, Fence Painting in the Calumet Service Area, to Bill's Painting Company, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, Account 101-68000-612420, Requisition 1254257  
**Approved**
- 28      [09-0545](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-921-11, Blower Motor Rehabilitation for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Midwest Service Center, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$659,442.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1262542  
**Approved**
- 29      [09-0546](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-880-11, Rehabilitation of Preliminary Tanks at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1260363  
**Approved**
- 30      [09-0547](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-656-11, Services to Maintain Rockwell TARP DCS Computer Systems and Allen-Bradley Equipment in the Stickney, Kirie, and Calumet Service Areas, to Wesco Distribution, Inc., d/b/a Englewood Electrical Supply, in an amount not to exceed \$581,000.00, Accounts 101-69000, 68000, 67000-612600, 612650, Requisitions 1248017, 1259802, and 1259826  
**Approved**
- 31      [09-0549](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-938-11, Services to Maintain Uninterruptible Power Systems in the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Area and Waterways Control Room, to UP Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 69000-612650, 612680, Requisitions 1255752 and 1256352  
**Approved**
- 32      [09-0552](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-983-11, Furnish, Deliver and Install a Liquid Carbon Dioxide Storage Tank and Feed System at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$333,550.00, Account 101-69000-634650, Requisition 1261139  
**Approved**

- 33      [09-0558](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-985-11, Railroad Car Repair Maintenance, Rebuilding and Painting at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Group B, to Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, Account 101-69000-612670, Requisition 1259873

**Approved**

- 34      [09-0563](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-938-11, Services to Maintain Uninterruptible Power Systems in the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Area and Waterways Control Room, to UP Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 69000-612650, 612680, Requisitions 1255752 and 1256352

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 35      [09-0577](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-055-11 Furnish and Deliver Pipe Covering and Insulation to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Specialty Products & Insulation Company, in an amount not to exceed \$46,418.73, Account 101-20000-623170

**Approved**

- 36      [09-0580](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Tubing and Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group B, to VWR International, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$65,012.88. Accounts 101-20000-623110, 623170, 623570

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 37      [09-0529](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. to represent the District in negotiations and probable litigation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in an amount of \$300,000.00, from an amount of \$950,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00 Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3045395

**Approved**

- 38      [09-0538](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 06-614-12 Elevator Maintenance at Various Locations, to Parkway Elevators, Inc., in an amount of \$15,835.96, from an amount of \$186,800.00, to an amount not to exceed \$170,964.04, Account 101-69000-612680, Purchase Order 5000721

**Approved**

39      [09-0554](#)      Authority to increase Contract 00-473-1D (Re-bid) Replace Casework, Fume Hoods, and Miscellaneous Work, John E. Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC/KED, a Joint Venture, in an amount of \$145,593.07, from an amount of \$7,605,100.30 to an amount not to exceed \$7,750,693.37, Accounts 101-50000-612680, 201-50000-645680, and 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 5000624

**Approved**

40      [09-0555](#)      Authority to increase Contract 93-232-2M Hydraulic Improvements at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant to IHC Construction/FHP Tectonics, Joint Venture, in an amount of \$499,476.65 from an amount of \$120,946,365.61 to an amount not to exceed \$121,445,842.26, Accounts 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Purchase Order 5000623

**Approved**

41      [09-0556](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., for professional engineering services for Contract 07-219-5C, Little Calumet River Detailed Watershed Plan - Phase B, in an amount of \$370,000.00, from an amount of \$2,871,534.00, to an amount not to exceed \$3,241,534.00, Account 501-50000-601410, Purchase Order 3044800

**Approved**

42      [09-0557](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Dresser, Inc., for Contract 05-832-3M, Furnish and Deliver One Single-Stage Blower and Two Multi-Stage Blowers, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and North Side Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$16,062.00, from an amount of \$4,233,605.00 to an amount not to exceed \$4,249,667.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 3035484

**Approved**

43      [09-0562](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 07-690-11 Services for Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from the Egan Water Reclamation Plant and Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area, to Synagro Central, LLC (Group B), in an amount of \$21,866.96, from an amount of \$1,200,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,178,133.04, Account 101-69000-612520, Purchase Order 5000708

**Approved**

44      [09-0568](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 05-149-1D Rehabilitation of Westside Pumping Station at the Stickney WRP, to Rausch Construction Company, Inc., in an amount of \$252,637.46, from an amount of \$2,264,890.64, to an amount not to exceed \$2,012,253.18, Account 101-69000-612680, Purchase Order 5000606

**Approved**

- 45      [09-0581](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Full Circle Communications Inc., for Contract 06-RFP-12, Produce New District Brochure, in an amount of \$2,025.00, from an amount of \$28,627.00 to an amount not to exceed \$26,602.00 Account 101-15000-612490, Purchase order 3040610

**Approved**

- 46      [09-0586](#)      Authority to increase purchase order to ePath Learning, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver a vendor-hosted, e-learning and training course management system for an additional 800 users in an amount of \$20,160.00, from an amount of \$4,200.00 to an amount not to exceed \$24,360.00, Account 101-25000-612820, Purchase Order 3050588

**Approved**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Report

- 47      [09-0582](#)      Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

**Published and Filed**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 48      [09-0536](#)      Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of March 2009

**Published and Filed**

- 49      [09-0537](#)      Report to the Board of Commissioners on Contract 73-161-EH, McCook Reservoir Excavation Agreement, between the District and Vulcan Construction Materials, L.P., for mining the required "Rough Hole" for the McCook Reservoir

**Published and Filed**

## Judiciary Committee

### Report

- 50      [09-0525](#)      The General Counsel Reports on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 51      09-0520      Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Charles Conrick vs. MWRDGC, IWCC #08WC 26571, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission in the sum of \$24,141.89. Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

- 52      09-0524      Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Gregorio Sanchez vs. MWRDGC, IWCC #04WC 01019, 01459 and 30231, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission in the sum of \$37,645.78. Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

**Maintenance & Operations Committee****Reports**

- 53      09-0575      Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the months of January, February and March 2009. *(As Revised)*

**Published and Filed**

**Public Information & Education****Authorization**

- 54      09-0518      Authorization for payment to the State of Illinois, Special State Projects Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the Spring 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Approved**

**Real Estate Development Committee****Authorization**

- 55      09-0565      Authority to issue a 5-year permit to U.S. Geological Survey Office (USGS) to locate a 20-foot X 8-foot mobile field research station at the southeast corner of the Racine Avenue Pump Station (RAPS) adjacent to the south branch of the Chicago River (Bubbly Creek) in Chicago, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Approved**

**56      09-0576** Request for direction with respect to resolving encroachments upon a narrow strip of District land located along the south line of McCormick Boulevard between Simpson and Emerson Streets in Evanston, Illinois

*Gloria Alitto Majewski called for a motion advising that the strip be divided and appraised. Refer to Agenda Item #57, File #09-0576A*

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Cynthia Santos, that this Agenda Item be Amended. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 7, 34 and 56**

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

#### **Miscellaneous and New Business**

**57      09-0576A** I move that with respect to Agenda Item #56, File #09-0576, that the Board of Commissioners declare as surplus a narrow strip of District land located along the north line of McCormick Boulevard between Simpson and Emerson Streets in Evanston, Illinois, and that the General Counsel be authorized and directed to divide said strip of land into four (4) small lots consistent with the abutting residential lots and offer for sale by competitive bidding in accordance with District policy based on appraisal approval by the Board of Commissioners.

*Refer to Agenda Item #56, File #09-0576*

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

#### **Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

*George Blakemore, a concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding the District's process for estimating prices for bid acceptance. (Re: Purchasing Item 8)*

*Michael Poulos, attorney for John Spraggins, Robert Alps, and Susan Holleb-Fisher, requested leniency from the Board in regards to resolving property encroachment. (Re: Real Estate and Development Item #56)*

*Susan Holleb-Fisher and Robert Alps, homeowners, explained how they unknowingly encroached on District property . (Re: Real Estate and Development Item #56)*

*George Blakemore, a concerned citizen, recommended that the District should survey property regularly to protect against encroachments. (Re: Real Estate and Development Item #56)*

*George Blakemore, a concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding affirmative action compliance for subcontractors.*

**Summary of Requests**

**None**

**Study Session**

*There will be a study session on Thursday, May 7, 2009, after the board meeting on the District's Pandemic Plan.*

*There will be a study session on Thursday, May 21, 2009 on the District's Pension Plan.*

**Announcements**

*President O'Brien will schedule meetings with Jacqueline Torres and members of the Board to discuss P-Card usage.*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2009, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: April 27, 2009**

**Date Board letters are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 30, 2009**

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk**

**Aye:** 8 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

**APPROVAL:**

**In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this April 16, 2009, are hereby approved.**

**APPROVED:**

**/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien  
President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

**April 16, 2009**